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SENATOR MOYLAN: Would you repeat that again -- that question please.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Could you give me an example of how this will effect any local level of government.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, it's just a case that if the employee wants the employer to withhold say a donation to the Red Cross donation to the U.S.C., or any other donation, and also to union funds, union dues -- if the employee asks that the employer withhold this from his check, that the employer must comply with those requests of the employee.

SENATOR DICKINSON: That's what I thought it does and I reiterate my statement that it's major legislation and not house cleaning. I believe I'd have to stand opposed to this bill.

SENATOR MOYLAN: The majority of employers, at present, withhold any sum that employees generally request. There are some employers that neglect to withhold it for the simple reason they don't want to do the clerical work, and it is very little, generally speaking. So this will make it mandatory that if an employee asks him to withhold, he must do it and turn it over to the proper authorities.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Dickinson yield to a question please?

PRESIDENT: That's not -- he does not have the floor Senator.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Ok, I'll change my approach then. I rise in support of LB 126. The reason being that on line 7 it says "any employee who desires to participate voluntarily in any employee organization . . ." etc. So first of all what the employee has done is voluntarily elected to participate in whatever it is, employee union dues, deduction, contribution to his own credit union, or whatever it is, he has voluntarily asked to be able to do it. All the bill does is say that if the employee voluntarily enters the program and requests that the employer shall go ahead and deduct it from his -- on a payroll deduction basis. I see nothing wrong with this bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I think you ruled that Senator Dickinson didn't have the floor, so I don't know as . . .

PRESIDENT: That's correct. Senator Moylan had the floor and Senator Goodrich asked if Senator Dickinson yield and he had nothing to yield.

SENATOR BARNETT: Can I get a question out of the chairman of the Labor Committee then?

PRESIDENT: He doesn't have the floor either.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well I'd like to find out something.